

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Haimerl) Group Art Unit: 3728
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Serial No.: 10/069,057) Examiner: Marie D. Patterson
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Filed: February 15, 2002) Conf. No.: 9049
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For: Footwear with a Sealed Sole)
Construction and Process for)
Its Production)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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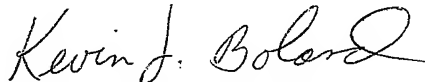
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application and withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action mailed October 4, 2006. Submitted herewith is a reply to the outstanding Office Action.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

Respectfully submitted,



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